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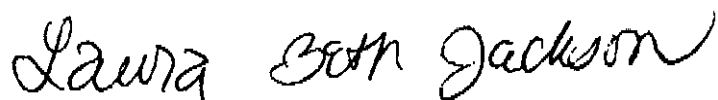
FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin:

**As** someone concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose the big phone companies' plan to change the **way** monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

The plan being pushed by the big phone companies and some in Congress would change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection methodology from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system **to a** "monthly flat-fee." This flat-fee system would result in forced phone bill hikes for me -- and for millions of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S. Shifting the funding burden of the USF **away** from high-volume users -- like big businesses -- and placing the weight **on** low-volume users -- students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers -- is unfair. I URGE YOU **AS** the FCC to reject this flat-fee plan. It is **a** de-facto tax increase of **as** much **as** \$707 million for 43 million of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

I hope you listen to **my** concerns **as** the FCC. We get broke by all the added fees that get piled **onto** us by the government. Please be sensible about **this** matter!

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